

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

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# **SYNOPSIS**

**(corrected)  
GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, April 4, 2007  
5:00 P.M.**

**City Hall  
Room W-120  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA 95113**

HELEN CHAPMAN, CHAIR

MELANIE RICHARDSON, VICE CHAIR

MIKE FLAUGHER

LESLEE HAMILTON

G.M. HARDING

JAMES KIM

JULIE MATSUSHIMA

MARY ANN RUIZ

MARK SWINEFORD

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### **1 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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The meeting was called to order at 5:09pm.

Present: Commissioners Chapman, Flaughner, Kim, Hamilton, Matsushima, Swineford and Harding

Late: Commissioner Richardson arrived at 5:30pm

Absent: Commissioner Ruiz

### **2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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### **3 ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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### **4 CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

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## **5 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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Speaker: Aurelia Sanchez, Spartan Keyes NAC

Ms. Sanchez asked the Commission to please consider her neighborhood when funds become available for a new city park.

## **6 CONSENT CALENDAR**

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6.1 Approval of Synopsis for February 7, 2007 Meeting

**It was moved by Commissioner Harding, seconded by Commissioner Flaughner, and voted unanimously that the Consent Calendar Items be Approved.**

6.2 Approval of Cahill Park Play Lot

**It was moved by Commissioner Swineford, seconded by Commissioner Harding, and voted unanimously that the Play Lot be approved with recommendation to Staff to work with the surrounding neighborhoods before going to Master Plan.**

6.3 Approval of Nisich Park Master Plan

## **7 PUBLIC HEARING**

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## **8 ACTION ITEMS**

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8.1 Selection of Commissioner for Friends of Guadalupe Gardens Park Design Guidelines

**It was moved by Commissioner Swineford, seconded by Commissioner Flaughner, and voted unanimously to appoint Commissioners Matsushima and Kim (alternating) as representatives to serve on the Friends of Guadalupe Gardens Park Design Guidelines committee.**

First meeting of this group will be April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm.

8.2 Acceptance of Bond Project Update for Coyote Creek Trail (Story Road and Los Lagos Golf Course) Project

**It was moved by Commissioner Flaughner, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton, and voted unanimously to approve the Bond Project Update for Coyote Creek Trail Project.**

8.3 Public Hearing to Name a Park at Stockton and Lenzen Avenues as “Theodore Lenzen Park

Speaker David Barry, community member, submitted the naming application. Theodore Lenzen was the architect who owned the land where the park was built. It is also the name of the street. There was a meeting on 1/20/07 with 50 people from the neighborhood and they were all in agreement that this was a good name for the new park.

**It was moved by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Matsushima, and voted unanimously to Name a Park at Stockton and Lenzen Avenues as “Theodore Lenzen Park.”**

#### 8.4 Public Hearing to Name the Soccer Bowl at Watson Park as “Umberto Abronzino Soccer Bowl at Watson Park”

Abronzino family members attended to speak of their father’s accomplishments in the soccer world and the foundation he built for the San Jose soccer community.

Speaker Don Gagliardo, President of Soccer Silicon Valley, represents many San Jose soccer organizations who all support the legacy of Mr. Abronzino. A plaque will be provided by the neighborhood association.

**It was moved by Commissioner Harding, seconded by Commissioner Matsushima, and voted unanimously to Name the Soccer Bowl at Watson Park as “Umberto Abronzino Soccer Bowl at Watson Park”.**

#### 8.5 Letter Regarding Proposed Neighborhood Commission

G.M. Harding read a draft letter he wrote rejecting the proposed Neighborhood Commission. Commission was not comfortable with the wording and made some recommendations as to changes.

**It was moved by Commissioner Swineford, seconded by Commissioner Richardson, and voted unanimously to have Helen Chapman, Chair, and Commissioner GM Harding take the comments of the Commission and rewrite the letter, finalize it and send it on to Council as soon as possible.**

#### 8.6 Review of Planning Applications

PDC07-015 Speaker Chris Neil was in attendance at meeting to answer any questions from Commissioners regarding the developer’s proposal.

Commission discussion focused on the proposed size of the park depicted in plan as being inadequate.

**It was moved by Commissioner Swineford, seconded by Commissioner Richardson, and voted unanimously to recommend that Planning accept the maximum turnkey park which would be approximately 2.5 acres.**

**It was moved by Commissioner Swineford, seconded by Commissioner Harding, and voted unanimously to accept Staff recommendation with a recommendation back to Staff to involve community and get their input on project.**

#### 8.7 Greenprint Status: Define Commission's Role

New Program Manager, Suzanne Wolf, was introduced by Dave Mitchell.

Dave Mitchell discussed philosophies of Greenprint, community meetings and requested that the Commissioners be involved with the process.

**It was moved by Commissioner Kim, seconded by Commissioner Richardson, and voted unanimously to approve a Greenprint Subcommittee including Commissioners Swineford, Hamilton, Chapman and Flaughter.**

### **9 DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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### **10 LIAISON REPORTS**

5 min.

10.1 Council Liaison - Eric Crane was in attendance – no report

10.2 County Parks and Recreation – waiting for feedback from the Chair of County Commission

10.3 Coyote Valley Task Force – no report

10.4 Evergreen Smart Growth Project - there is a community meeting tonight.

10.5 Senior Citizens Commission – no report

10.6 Parks Maintenance Sub-Committee Report

Councilmember Sam Liccardo attended the meeting to offer his support for alternate parks maintenance funding through C & C Tax Revenues. Goal of sub-committee is to make sure PRNS is able to maintain current and future parks while continuing to acquire land for new parks. There was a discussion amongst Commissioner and Staff regarding different possible funding options including C & C Tax and Bond Measures.

10.7 Land Use Policy Sub-Committee Report

Commissioner Harding shared a draft email with Commission as a starting point to discuss Land Use Policy Guidelines.

10.8 Youth Commission – no report

10.9 Sports Facility Feasibility Study Committee

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One meeting has been completed for District 1 and a meeting has also been scheduled monthly in the other nine districts.

Five Sub-Committees have been assigned to work with Staff. Each Sub-Committee has 5-8 community members. Currently they are working on defining the scope of work for each Sub-Committee.

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## **11 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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11.1 Update on KaBOOM Conference – no report

11.2 How to use KaBOOM to our advantage

Todd Capurso explained the costs the City would incur using KaBOOM to complete a project, how it would work and gave examples of future projects that would benefit from a KaBOOM approach.

11.3 Commissioner News Items

Helen Chapman, County/City of San Jose land swap proposal for various City and County properties

Upcoming meeting scheduled with Councilmember Nguyen to talk about developing fairgrounds

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## **12 CORRESPONDENCE**

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## **13 ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

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